

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3576 - SB 3597**

February 18, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits state higher education institutions from discriminating against or denying recognition, equal access, or a fair opportunity to any student organization or group on the basis of the religious content of the group's or organization's speech, including, but not limited to, worship. Authorizes a religious student organization to determine that ordering the organization's internal affairs, selecting leaders and members, defining the organization's doctrines, and resolving the organization's disputes are in furtherance of the organization's religious mission, if carried out by persons committed to that mission. Prohibits state higher education institutions from denying recognition or any privilege or benefit to a student organization or group that exercises its right to be controlled and carry out activities with members that are committed its mission.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- Any increase in the number of recognized student religious groups or organizations or in such groups' or organizations' activities on public higher education institution campuses will have no fiscal impact on state or local government expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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